



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF
FOOD & AGRICULTURE

Karen Ross, Secretary

July 29, 2015

TO THE PERSON ADDRESSED:

This letter is to notify you that the fee to defray the cost of the 2015 crop year Grape Crush Report and Grape Acreage Report has been established by the Secretary as required by Section 55601.6 of the Food and Agricultural Code. A copy of the order establishing these fees is on the reverse side of this letter.

The assessment fee for the 2015 marketing season, beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016, has been established at ten cents (\$0.10) per ton on all grapes received in California for crushing, fresh weight equivalent. Of this assessment, six cents (\$.06) is for preparing the Grape Crush Report; four cents (\$.04) is for preparing the Grape Acreage Report. The fee is to be paid to the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) by each processor who crushes grapes. One-half or five cents (\$0.05) per ton of the fee may be deducted by the processor from monies owed to the producer.

The fee for all grapes received for crushing from July 1, 2015 through December 15, 2015 is to be paid to CDFA by the processor on or before January 8, 2016. The fee for all grapes received for crushing from December 16, 2015 through June 30, 2016 is to be paid on or before June 30, 2016.

Assessment forms for remitting the fees will be mailed to vintners about December 1, 2015, so you will have them in time to meet the January 8 and June 30 deadlines.

The Pierce's Disease Control Program assessment fee will be seventy-five cents (\$0.75) per one thousand dollars (\$1,000) of value. **Please note that this is unchanged from last year's assessment.** There is no exemption for wineries crushing fewer than 100 tons of their own or any grower's grapes, and the Pierce's Disease assessment is the responsibility of the producer. However, the purchaser and/or processor are responsible for collecting the amount owed by the producer and subsequently remitting it to the department. For your winery's own grapes or grapes not purchased, you are required to pay the assessment based on the previous year's value of those grapes as reported in Table 10 of the 2014 Grape Crush Report. All funds collected from growers and/or due for your own grapes will be remitted with the Grape Crush Report no later than January 8, 2016.

If you have any questions about the grape crush assessment fees or reporting times, please contact Jennifer Van Court at (916) 498-5161, Agricultural Statistics Branch, California Department of Food and Agriculture, 650 Capitol Mall, Suite 6-100, Sacramento, CA 95814. Any questions about the Pierce's Disease Control Program should be referred to that Program at (916) 900-5024.

Sincerely,

Jeff Cesca, Director
Division of Marketing Services



**ORDER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE
ESTABLISHING A FEE ON PRODUCERS AND PROCESSORS OF GRAPES
RECEIVED FOR CRUSHING DURING THE 2015 MARKETING SEASON,
JULY 1, 2015 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2016**

WHEREAS, the Department of Food and Agriculture of the State of California acting pursuant to and by virtue of the authority vested by the provisions of Chapter 6, Division 20, of the Food and Agricultural Code, and

WHEREAS, the Department has determined that fees of six cents (\$0.06) and four cents (\$0.04) per ton of grapes received for crushing by processors who crush more than 100 tons of grapes, fresh weight equivalent, are proper, equitable and necessary to cover the costs of the Grape Crush Report and the Grape Acreage Report, respectively, for the 2015 crop and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of Section 55601.6 of the Food and Agricultural Code, a total fee of ten cents (\$0.10) per ton of grapes received for crushing, fresh weight equivalent, including any grapes produced by the processor is to be paid by the processor who crushes the grapes; one-half of the fee or five cents (\$0.05) per ton of grapes received for crushing may be deducted from monies owed to the producer of the grapes.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Department of Food and Agriculture of the State of California does hereby approve and establish the fee of ten cents (\$0.10) per ton of grapes received for crushing, fresh weight equivalent, including any grapes produced by the processor to be paid by the processor who crushes the grapes during the 2015 marketing season beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016 one-half of the fee or five cents (\$0.05) per ton of grapes received for crushing may be deducted from monies owed to the producer of the grapes.

Karen Ross
Secretary of Food and Agriculture

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